



KGI First Friends

What Is First Friends?

First Friends facilitates cross-cultural exchange through friendship by connecting continuing and graduating international students with incoming international students. An annual program coordinated by your International Student Advisor and International Student Representative, First Friends begins each academic year as a way to help new international students feel connected to and supported by the KGI community.

How Does it Work?

Continuing and graduating international students volunteer to connect with newly admitted international students throughout the summer by email, phone, and Skype. KGI veterans will connect with their First Friend twice per month, sharing their experiences, useful resources, and helpful hints to make the transition to KGI a smooth and exciting one.

Is this program the same as Mentor-Mentee?

No. While that program is open to all students, First Friends is **ONLY** for international students, and is geared primarily to help new international students before they arrive. However, you may wish to apply as a volunteer for both!

How Can I be a *First Friend*?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Students who are interested in beginning cross-cultural friendships with incoming international students can contact Nusha Shishegar at nshishegar@kgi.edu. Please provide your full name and phone number. You'll be invited to the next available orientation to learn more about the program.